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Dear Mother.

I had hoped before this to have a good long letter written & printed to send around but the days have been stealing away, and I do not get it done. Let me tell you some of the things I have done to day to show how it steals away. Worked an hour at the foundation of the room we are enlarging for the picture business in order to get the sleepy Chinamen waked up. Recieved a mail (by native post from Kalgan & one from Tientsin for the various missionaries - our own & the Presby. and distributed them. Made a Key for my office door. Squared a large stone to go in the pavement at the front gate. Had a sort of

trellis made for a large grape vine in the yard. Arranged a form of type for printing on the press. Set up a little English type. Had an estimate made of the cost of printing a Chinese book. Sent off by pack mules to Kalgan some boxes for Dr. Waples with a lot of odds & ends slipped in between. And here at 5 o'clock I am writing. The press men are just leaving. Mrs. Sprague from Kalgan came down a month ago & is our guest. The mission meeting was to be at Tsing cho in 3 weeks & Mrs. Sprague meant to stay for it but they have just decided to postpone it till fall, so Mrs Sprague & the Waples will start back next Tuesday to Kalgan

We are all safe & quiet here and the work moving on. My Circuit held last month a ten days series of revival meetings and thirty Chinese - mostly men, and some of them quite well to do were converted. This war is turning the attention of the people to the missionaries more than before and the work is encouraging. Good is thus coming out of the trouble, and we hope & pray that out of the war may come a great blessing for China. There is no use to write war news because it will be old to you, and we do not know any more than you what the issue is to be. But do not worry about us. There is no danger anywhere near & we do not think any danger will come to us. No news from us is pretty good

to mean that we are all right.
We are having delightful weather.
Some days a little fire & some days
none. bright & dry. No rain yet
this Spring. The rains will soon
come however & in about a
month from now we expect to
go to the hills 15 miles west for
the hot weather. Dr. & Mrs. Sheffield
of Tsingcho, have a house out there
& they have invited us to stay with
them & we feel delighted & honored
as they are such fine people.
Rhuie will go & stay & I mean to
buy a horse & go back & forth. We
shall keep one servant to take care
of the house & cook for us. I am quite
well & Rhuie is getting along quite
well. She is mentally morally & spiritually
strong and so bright & sweet. I am
more glad & thankful than I can tell
that she is with me here. Love to all.
I will try & send soon something more for you Gordon Jr.